# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS November 04, 2011

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, November 04, 2011, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair Ben Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair Richard Long, MFT Jack Perryman, LPC Will Bacon, MFT Steve Livingston, MFT Jan Ligon, CSW Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tommy Black, LPC Tonya Barbee, CSW

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

## **GUEST(S) ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA

Bonnie Barker, Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### Agenda:

Bacon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Minutes:**

Perryman motioned, Ligon seconded, and the Board voted to table the approval of the minutes from the following meeting date until the December meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

• October 28, 2011

## **Executive Director's Report:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that the General Assembly passed the House Bill 87, which revised O.C.G.A. §50-36-1. Effective January 01, 2012, all applicants submitting initial applications and all individuals/entities (principal individual') renewing licenses will be required to submit secure and verifiable documentation to prove US citizenship.

Livingston motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Public Rule Hearing:**

Rule 135-5-.04 Clinical Social Worker

Ligon motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 135-5-.04 Clinical Social Worker as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Long motioned, Bacon seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-12 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (3) (A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Rule 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapist

Livingston motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 135-5-.05 Association Marriage and Family Therapist as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Long motioned, Bacon seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-12 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (3) (A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Rule 135-5-.06 Marriage and Family Therapist

Livingston motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 135-5-.05 Association Marriage and Family Therapist as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Long motioned, Bacon seconded and the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5 and 43-10A-12 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 (3) (A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

## **Correspondences:**

• Holly Craig, Lynette Raji, Sarah Warshaw, Tamara Thorn, Ting He, Merlin Todd, Dr. William Cook and David Kaplan

Long motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

## **Petition for Variance/Waiver Request(s):**

• Felicia Bowers: Rule 135-5-.04-Clinical Social Workers. Amended

Perryman motioned, Ligon seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for waiver/variance request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Maria Myslewicz-Weese-§O.C.G.A 43-10-8

Ligon motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for waiver variance/ request. The Board cannot waive the law; in addition, the Board does not accept a state exam in lieu of the national exam

 Sheila Dart-Rule 135-6-.04-Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

Ligon motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for waiver/variance request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Ligon motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Perryman, Marion, Long, Bacon, Livingston and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, November 04, 2011, Ms. Barker declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

## **APPLICATIONS:**

Bacon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Marriage & Family Therapists</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

A.F. Approved to sit for exam
D.H. Approved to sit for exam

3. R.L. Pending the receipt of additional information

4. K.R. Approved to sit for exam5. T.S. Approved to sit for exam

## ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST- CONTRACT CHANGES:

1. Johnson, Ushirika Contract changes approved

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM WAIVER:

Anderson, Dana
Massingille, Nancy Jo
Ryan, Lacey
Approved for licensure Approved for licensure

4. V.S. Pending the receipt of additional information

5. H.W. Pending further Board review

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:

1. J.M. Approved to sit for exam

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY ENDORSEMENT:

1. J.D. Denied. Board does not accept endorsement with New

York

Perryman motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following <u>Professional Counselors</u> applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR - CONTRACT CHANGES:

Abernathy, Jack
Burbach, Debra
Crockett, Joanna
Dasher, Lori
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved

5. L.H. Pending the receipt of additional information

Heilig, Kimberly
Hill, Virginia
Honeycutt, Lynn
Izzard, Laklieshia
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved

10. M.K. Pending the receipt of additional information

11. Luke, Katrinia
12. Malta-Bey, Clementine
13. Robertson, Brooke
14. Smith, Lakeisha
15. Trotti, James
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved
Contract changes approved

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

D.B. Approved to sit for exam
D.B. Approved to sit for exam

3. M.C. Approved to sit for exam 4. A.C. Approved to sit for exam 5. D.F. Pending the receipt of additional information and further Board review 6. E.F. Approved to sit for exam 7. D.F. Approved to sit for exam 8. M.G. Approved to sit for exam 9. R.G. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 10. J.G. 11. O.H. Approved to sit for exam 12. J.H. Approved to sit for exam 13. T.J. Approved to sit for exam 14. S.K. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 15. D.K. 16. A.L. Approved to sit for exam 17. M.L. Approved to sit for exam 18. B.M. Approved to sit for exam 19. E.N. Approved to sit for exam 20. B.O. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 21. L.R. 22. M.S. Approved to sit for exam 23. C.S. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 24. K.T. 25. A.W. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 26. A.Z.

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

Approved for licensure 1. Altman, Martin 2. Ast, Margaret Approved for licensure 3. S.C. Pending further Board review 4. Cole, Stephanie Approved for licensure 5. Collins, Kevin Approved for licensure 6. Farner, Katherine Approved for licensure 7. Goolsby, Lindsey Approved for licensure Approved pending the receipt of additional information 8. E.H. 9. Heib, Rachael Approved for licensure 10. F.H. Approved pending the receipt of additional information 11. Johnson, Ushirika Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 12. Lane, Julie 13. Martz, Matthew Approved for licensure 14. F.M. Approved pending the receipt of additional information 15. Mills, Jade Approved for licensure Approved pending the receipt of additional information 16. K.N. Approved pending the receipt of additional information 17. L.S. 18. Starnes, Courtney Approved for licensure 19. Sweitzer, Brent Approved for licensure 20. Waring, Merrell Approved for licensure

Approved for licensure

Approved for licensure

21. Warren, William

22. Williams, Lakeisha

17. J.W.

## Approved for licensure

Pending the receipt of additional information

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:

1. E.A. Pending applicant interview 2. C.B. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 3. S.B. 4. T.E. Approved to sit for exam 5. B.E. Approved to sit for exam 6. K.H. Approved to sit for exam 7. M.H. Approved to sit for exam 8. M.L. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 9. R.M. Approved to sit for exam 10. M.M. Approved to sit for exam 11. B.P. 12. L.R. Approved to sit for exam 13. N.R. Approved to sit for exam Denied, insufficient evidence of supervision and 14. A.S. education Approved for licensure 15. Smith, Portia 16. Twyman, Canzada Approved for licensure

## LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:

1. N.B. Pending the receipt of additional information 2. Baker, Pamela Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 3. Beasley, Talisa 4. Beecham, Daniel Approved for licensure Pending the receipt of additional information 5. M.B. Approved for licensure 6. Byrd, Stephen 7. Carroll, Anslee Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 8. Clarke, Christina 9. Donnan, Heather Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 10. Eady, Dena 11. Elliott, Jeanna Approved for licensure 12. Evans, Kimberly Approved for licensure 13. J.F. Pending the receipt of additional information 14. Frederick, Dana Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 15. Harman, Kimberly 16. Haskins, Natoya Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 17. Hoerig, Cynthia 18. Hollingsworth, Jennifer Approved for licensure Pending the receipt of additional information 19. T.I. 20. Jenkins, Terri Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 21. Korrow, Aleta Approved for licensure 22. Lindenblatt, Steven 23. Littlebear, Sarah Approved for licensure

Approved for licensure

Pending the receipt of additional information

24. Matthews, Latasha

25. T.M.

26. Mock, Joy Approved for licensure

27. G.O. Pending the receipt of additional information

28. O'Loughlin, Janna Approved for licensure 29. Paulding-Boswell, Darlita Approved for licensure 30. Peden, Mary Approved for licensure

31. T.R. Pending the receipt of additional information

32. Rice, Robert Approved for licensure

Pending the receipt of additional information 33. V.S.

34. Spear, April Approved for licensure 35. Stephens, Alexis Approved for licensure 36. Sydnor, Quiana Approved for licensure 37. Thomas, April Approved for licensure

38. K.T. Pending the receipt of additional information 39. K.T. Pending the receipt of additional information

Approved for licensure 40. Troskie, Melissa Approved for licensure 41. Wedell, Kelly Approved for licensure 42. White-Miles, Doris

### LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:

1. Washington, Marcia Approved for licensure 2. Beard, Mary Approved for licensure Approved for licensure 3. Crowe, Rebecca 4. Dash, Vida Approved for licensure 5. Harper, Laura Approved for licensure

Pending the receipt of additional information 6. T.P.

Ligon motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Social Workers applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

1. R.C. Pending the receipt of additional information Pending the receipt of additional information 2. T.D. 3. C.G. Approved to sit for exam 4. T.G. Pending the receipt of additional information Pending the receipt of additional information 5. R.G.D. 6. T.H. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 7. J.H. 8. T.H. Approved to sit for exam 9. F.H. Pending the receipt of additional information Pending the receipt of additional information 10. K.J. 11. S.J. Pending the receipt of additional information Approved to sit for exam 12. K.K. Approved to sit for exam 13. H.L.

14. C.L. Pending the receipt of additional information

15. M.M. Approved to sit for exam 16. D.M. Approved to sit for exam

Pending the receipt of additional information 17. M.M. Pending the receipt of additional information 18. C.M.

19. T.M. Approved to sit for exam 20. A.N. Approved to sit for exam 21. T.O. Approved to sit for exam Pending the receipt of additional information 22. A.R. Approved to sit for exam 23. S.S. 24. T.S. Approved to sit for exam 25. D.T. Approved to sit for exam 26. V.V. Approved to sit for exam 27. G.W. Approved to sit for exam 28. L.W. Approved to sit for exam

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Brooks, Lakiesha Approved for licensure Pending further Board review 2. C.D. Approved for licensure 3. Goodner, Rickey 4. Grant, Tiffany Approved for licensure 5. Lee, Stanley Approved for licensure 6. Mosley, Barbara Approved for licensure 7. Schmidt, Laurel Approved for licensure 8. N.S. Pending the receipt of additional information 9. Williams, Dwayne Approved for licensure

## CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM-EXTENSION REQUEST(S):

Ford, Alex
Whiters, David
Extension request granted through March 01, 2012
Extension request granted through March 01, 2012

## CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REACTIVATION:

1. Tedoff, Victor Approved for licensure

## **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. S.W. Pending the receipt of additional information

#### MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:

1. A.A. Approved to sit for exam 2. E.A. Approved to sit for exam 3. M.B. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 4. A.B. 5. D.B. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 6. H.B. 7. T.B. Approved to sit for exam 8. T.B. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 9. E.C. 10. C.C. Approved to sit for exam 11. C.C. Approved to sit for exam 12. M.C. Approved to sit for exam

13. A.D. Approved to sit for exam 14. D.E. Approved to sit for exam 15. T.F. Approved to sit for exam 16. A.F. Approved to sit for exam 17. M.G. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 18. N.G. 19. R.G.D. Approved to sit for exam 20. L.G. Approved to sit for exam 21. A.H. Approved to sit for exam 22. T.H. Approved to sit for exam 23. C.H. Approved to sit for exam 24. L.H. Approved to sit for exam 25. R.J. Approved to sit for exam 26. V.K. Approved to sit for exam 27. J.L. Approved to sit for exam 28. C.L. Approved to sit for exam 29. I.L. Approved to sit for exam 30. B.M. Approved to sit for exam 31. M.N. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 32. A.N. 33. O.O. Approved to sit for exam 34. M.P. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 35. R.P. 36. N.P. Approved to sit for exam 37. L.R. Pending the receipt of additional information Approved to sit for exam 38. C.R. 39. L.S. Pending the receipt of additional information Approved to sit for exam 40. J.S. 41. A.S. Approved to sit for exam 42. J.T. Approved to sit for exam 43. J.T. Approved to sit for exam 44. A.W. Approved to sit for exam Approved to sit for exam 45. N.W. 46. A.W. Approved to sit for exam 47. D.W. Approved to sit for exam 48. K.W. Approved to sit for exam

## MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:

1.	M.A.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2.	Collins, Aysha	Approved for licensure
3.	Dean, Stacey	Approved for licensure
4.	Ellis, Jamie	Approved for licensure
5.	Foppa, Lisa	Approved for licensure
6.	Gibbons, Kathleen	Approved for licensure
7.	Hamilton, Crystal	Approved for licensure
8.	Hloska, Cory	Approved for licensure
9.	Mahaffey, Kristie	Approved for licensure
10.	M.M.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information

## MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM-EXTENSION REQUEST(S):

Arron, Patrick Extension request granted
Raines, Tomekia Extension request granted

#### MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:

J.H. Pending the receipt of additional information
C.R. Pending the receipt of additional information
R.W. Pending the receipt of additional information
J.W. Pending the receipt of additional information

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE- APPLICANT INTERVIEWS:

Bacon motioned, and Long seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Examination appearing before the APC/LPC Standards Committee.

D.B. No ShowK.D. No Show

• Jordan, Reginald Approved for licensure

• J.H. Pending the receipt of addition information

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

## **Complaint Cases Closed:**

COMP100110, COMP110053, COMP110099, COMP120012, COMP120013, COMP120020, COMP 120021, COMP120027, COMP120028, COMP120029 AND COMP120031

### **Complaint Cases - Schedule Investigative Interviews:**

COMP110032 (December meeting) and COMP110107 & COMP120002 (January 2012 meeting)

## **Complaint Cases-Referred to the Attorney General's Office:**

COMP110086 and COMP120024

Bacon motioned, Marion seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **PROBATION REPORT:**

• Duttlinger, Ronald Compliance Issues with public Board Order reported to the Board

Long motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the probation report as presented, and in addition, for administrative staff to follow up as directed with licensee. None opposed, motion carried.

## **ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

Bacon motioned, Ligon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

- 1. Association updates were provided by Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA
- 2. Application File Requests
  - a. Long motioned, Ligon seconded, and the Board voted to grant the application file request(s) allowing the administrative staff to forward a copy of several licensees' original application file to another state board or entity. None opposed, motion carried.
- 3. Bacon motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to elect Rick Long as the Board Member representative for the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Board.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Bacon motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist and Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	
Bonnie Barker, Chair	Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: December 02, 2011